

CHILD WELFARE AGENCY PUBLIC DISCLOSURE FORM

Date: January 6, 2014
Agency Name: Division of Child and Family Services
Agency Fallon District Office
Address: 1735 Kaiser Street
Fallon NV 89406

Date of written notification to the Division of Child and Family Services and Legislative Auditor: September 23, 2013

Internal reference UNITY ID or Report Number: 1302322

Type of Report: ☐ 48 Hour Notice ☐ 15 Day Update ☐ 30 Day Update ☒ Final

☒ **Child Fatality** **Date of Death:** September 2, 2013

☐ **Near Fatality** **Date of Near Fatality:**

☐ **Portions of information on this form have been withheld at the request of**
_____ **law enforcement.**

(Name of agency)

Information for Release:

- A. Date of the notification to the child welfare agency of the death of a child:**
September 23, 2013
- B. Location of child at the time of death or near fatality (city/county):**
Fernley, Lyon County, Nevada
- C. A summary of the report of abuse or neglect and a factual description of the contents of the report:**
The child was found unresponsive after being placed to bed. The Lyon County Sheriff's Office found no indication that the child's death was due to abuse and/or neglect. There is a pending autopsy report.
- D. The date of birth and gender of child:**
June 18, 2013 - Male
- E. The date that the child suffered the fatality or near fatality:**
September 2, 2013
- F. The cause of the fatality or near fatality, if such information has been determined:**
As of the date of this notification, the autopsy remains pending.
- G. Whether the agency had any contact with the child or a member of the child's family or household before the fatality or near fatality and, if so:**
(1) The frequency of any contact or communication with the child or a member of the child's family or household before the fatality or near fatality and the date on which the last contact or communication occurred before the fatality or near fatality;
(2) Whether the agency which provides child welfare services provided any child welfare services to the child or to a member of the child's family or household before or at the time of the fatality or near fatality;
(3) Whether the agency which provides child welfare services made any referrals for child welfare services for the child or for a member of the child's family or household before or at the time of the fatality or near fatality;
(4) Whether the agency which provides child welfare services took any other actions concerning the welfare of the child before or at the time of the fatality or near fatality; and
(5) A summary of the status of the child's case at the time of the fatality or near fatality, including, without limitation, whether the child's case was closed by the agency which provides child welfare services before the fatality or near fatality and, if so, the reasons that the case was closed.

Washoe County Department of Social Services and the Division of Child and Family Services has had the following involvement with household members:

9/2/2003 - a report of neglect investigated and found to be substantiated.
6/15/2004 - a report of neglect was investigated and found to be unsubstantiated.
9/10/2008 - a report of neglect was investigated and found to be unsubstantiated.
3/2/2009 - a report of physical abuse was investigated and found to be unsubstantiated.
10/22/2010 - a report of physical abuse was investigated and found to be unsubstantiated.

H. Whether the agency which provides child welfare services, in response to the fatality or near fatality:

(1) Has provided or intends to provide child welfare services to the child or to a member of the child's family or household; and (2) Has made or intends to make a referral for child welfare services for the child or for a member of the child's family or household; and (3) Has taken or intends to take any other action concerning the welfare and safety of the child or any member of the child's family or household.

On 09/20/2013, the Division referred the family to Differential Response based on a report that a member of the household was struggling with the death of their family member. The family was referred to parenting classes.

NON-DISCLOSURE NOTICE

The following information must not be released (see Policy on Public Disclosure of Child Fatality and Near Fatality Information, page 4): 1) Information regarding the sibling(s) of a deceased child; 2) the name of the reporting party or individual making an allegation or referral will not be released; 3) if the disclosure of the information would adversely affect any pending investigation concerning a report (NRS 432B.290(3)); 4) if the disclosure violates other federal or state law, including, but not limited to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), Family Educational and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), alcohol and drug abuse patient records (42 USC §290dd-2 and 42 CFR §212 (c)(6)), and any other applicable law.